

City of LaPorte



A. J. RUMELY, JR.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Mr. Donald Wingstrom
La Porte County Board of Health
La Porte County Courthouse
La Porte, IN 46350

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Dear Don:

As a result of a letter received by me from the attorney general on July 23rd concerning the McClung Road land fill, I asked for a meeting with you to discuss how to comply with the attorney general's instructions. You mentioned as a high priority removing an accumulation of 55 gallon drums thought to contain hazardous liquids. Also you mentioned steps should be taken to contain areas showing leaching.

City Engineer Keil, Don Warner, and Gene Machota of your office and myself spent over an hour inspecting the site Friday, July 25. We located an area containing 55 gallon drums; however, high vegetation prevents taking an accurate inventory of these drums. We propose having a crane lift these drums from the ravine where they are located. If they contain liquids we will store them elsewhere until we can find a place for final disposition. The empty ones will be flattened and removed. We also propose building an earth dam or retaining mound so surface water will not drain into this low area where a private pond is located.

We also found two areas where leaching is occurring. We propose to fill in these spots to eliminate drainage into the adjacent area. Finally we are concerned about the hazard of a fire in the brush area where the street department deposits tree branches. Our discussion with you makes us feel that covering this area is not of the highest priority. A fire hydrant is located on the premises which will provide water to fight a fire should one occur. We will use our limited funds to begin doing the work outlined above. I am informed that the approved amount of cover for a discontinued land fill is two feet. Based on a 60 acre plot, our rough calculations

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place the cost at approximately \$360,000.00. Due to the frozen tax levy and our critical financial condition, the City of La Porte cannot finance a complete renovation in a short period of time. We do recognize the problem and with what available finances we have begin to concentrate on the main hazards. We will stay in contact with your department and advise you of our progress.

Yours very truly,

A. J. Rumely, Jr.,
Mayor
City of La Porte

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